

NBHS P & C Association

3rd Meeting - Tuesday 9th June 2009

Meeting commenced: 8:10 pm, Chair: Pevlin Price

Apologies: Helene Mountford, Elizabeth Moor, Michael Miller.

Part 1 - Opening Session

Principal's Report:

1. This week marks the end of an incredibly busy term. Lots of illness. Today there were 119 students absent. Yesterday 104.
2. Staffing: New GA started at the beginning of Week 10, Kevin Kaida. Position had been held on casual basis by Joe Komosa. Did a wonderful job during that period. In the front office, the vacant position previously held by Mrs Salvisberg has been filled by Bronwyn Campbell. One 4 day vacancy still waiting to be filled. Teaching staff - We farewell Danny Boyle from school this week. He is retiring after 29 years at the school. His replacement is Peter Edwards who joins us at the beginning of Term 3 from Chester Hill High School. The vacant position in Social Science has been advertised. Interviews will be held at the start of next term. The vacant position in English will be advertised during the holidays. Successful candidate will take on position at the beginning of Term 4.
3. Prefect elections were completed last week and the 18 successful boys were presented to the school assembly last Thursday. Yesterday, 7 boys who nominated for the senior prefect positions gave their speeches to the prefects and to staff. Elections were held. School Captains and Senior Prefect will be announced at the Induction Ceremony on Thursday. Thank you to Jean Tung who is coordinating the catering for that function. I'm looking forward to working with the new prefects. Prefect Camp to be held in August
4. The Laptops for Learning project is now called DER (Digital Education Revolution). The school had most of the wireless network installed last week. We have received the first of the teacher's laptops this week. (Parents were shown one of the laptops). Year 9 will receive their laptops next term. As reported in the newsletter, next term's SDD will focus on strategies to implement these in the classroom. Will mean a shift in pedagogy. Confident our teachers will be able to embrace the changes. Particular focus upon using the laptops with higher order thinking skills that will be appropriate for gifted students.
5. BER projects progressing well. The foyer and hall have been painted. New carpet soon to be laid. Work will commence on the PE facility during the holidays. Completion should be Term 3. New awning for the front entrance to the school to be constructed during the holidays. New floor in B Block has been quoted. Toilets are also being quoted. Hope to commence work soon on the provision of additional storage in science as well as replacement of windows.
6. Great result from our Athletics team. Zone champions again.
7. School Dance with Hornsby Girls very successful. Good attendance rate from both schools. No negatives to report.

8. First round offers have gone out for Year 7 2010. We will also be having an entrance test for Year 8-12 new enrolments on August 15. Will consist of English and Maths exams.

9. The P&C funded English project is moving along well. Staff have been busy reading the texts and have devised a list for initial purchase which they will place at the beginning of Term 3. The presentation skills program which was also part of the funding has been successfully completed. Excellent feedback from the Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Questions raised during the Principal's Report:

- Q: What is the process for recharging the laptops?
 - A: Students are responsible for charging the laptops at home. The laptops are treated as any other stationary item (paper, pens, geometry box and calculators). The boys are supposed to have them fully charged.

Part 2 - Business Session

Attendance: As per attendance book

Special Presentation:

Mr. Doug Steed, Head of Science, gave an informative presentation covering a range of topics:

- Changes in curriculum and teaching
- Subject selection for Yrs 11/12
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- Environmental Club / Stream watch

The demonstration of the Interactive White Boards was very informative and well received.

Minutes of last Meeting (June 2009)

Sandeep presented the minutes of June 2009 meeting.

Motion proposed: Jonathan Evans proposed that the previous monthly minutes be accepted.

Seconded: Michael Miller

The motion was carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- The School plan for 2009 has been finalized. The feedback from the P&C was included in the final plan.

President's Report:

- Pevlin explained that the budgeting cycle of the P&C needs improvement. The School has traditionally presented its 'wish list' early in the calendar year and the P&C needed to approve the funding immediately as this was anticipated and had been planned for. This makes it difficult for the P&C to review these expectations where the P&C would prefer to fund other aspects of the school's endeavors. The P&C and School will investigate the option of developing forward estimates late in the preceding year so that the approvals for funding can be facilitated by the outgoing committee by Nov so funds are released to the school in January.

Vice President's Report:

No Report.

Treasurer's Report:

The 2008 P&C and Canteen accounts have been audited. The audited accounts were tabled and a motion for their approval will be taken up at the next meeting.

- Loraine Yu and Tracey Wong were thanked for their help and support during the year.
- The financial position is the same as last month.

Cash in bank:	\$118,100
Parents Contribution for 2009:	\$35,000
Total income for 2009 is expected to be	\$73,460
Total committed expenses for 2009 are	\$60,033
Additional 2009 expenses are	\$8,500.

- Parent's contribution is on budget for 2009.
- The balance available for Functions co-ordination team is very low and needs topping up.

Motion proposed: Rob Attard proposed a motion that \$200 be allocated to the Functions Co-ordination team.

Seconded: Noel Christie-David

The motion was carried.

Fundraising Report:

Prefects Team will be held in the library on Thursday, July 16th.

About 35% of the Raffle tickets were sold. This result was lower than last year and a bit disappointing. The Fundraising team was hoping for a higher participation as all the prizes will be won by the school community. The draw is due for the last week of Term 2 (July 9th) at school Assembly. The expected profit from the Raffle is about \$3300.

Entertainment books: 58 Entertainment books have been sold so far raising about \$752. In addition, \$32 has been donated to the P&C. Parents can order these books till the end of August.

As part of the H2Go fundraising program, about \$310 have been collected. The program finishes in November 2009.

- Q: A question was asked about participating in the Rebel Sports Program.
 - A: The school has a very clear policy on participating in these programs and will investigate the options for joining the Rebel Sports program.
- A question was also asked if the P&C and school can organize an annual event / function to raise funds.
 - A: Annual functions / events need a lot of community support and volunteers. A significant amount of work and planning is also required for such events. All ideas are welcome.
- An idea was proposed for once a year Garage sale.
 - A: It is a good idea and we should look at all options as part of a formal plan.

Correspondence:

In coming correspondence

- P&C Federation Term 2 mail out was received.
- The P&C Federation Annual conference is at the end of July and nominees were invited to attend the conference to represent NBHS.

Out going correspondence

- None

Canteen Report and Clothing Pool:

No Report

Grounds Report:

No Report. The next Working Bee session is planned for August 9th

New Business:

- Q: Has there been any progress report from the School Uniform committee?
 - A: No. The committee will meet next term.
- Q: Caps and broad brim hats should be considered in the first phase of Uniform Reviews. There was support from the parents to make wearing of hats mandatory.
 - A: Jeff responded that the uniform committee will investigate the issue.
- Yulanie Harris as requested a discussion on Continuous Assessment blocks for year 12 students. As she was present at the meeting to start the discussion, the matter will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Q: For Physics Assessment, the students were not provided with essential information to complete the exam.
 - A: The issue was investigated and a resolution has been reached.
- A student has asked for financial support tot represent NSW at the UNICIF meeting. The SRC / School have contributed \$150 for his expenses.

Motion proposed: Pevlin Price proposed a motion that \$150 be approved to contribute to the expenses for Dev Bhutani.

Seconded: Jonathan

The motion was carried.

Meeting closed at 10:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th in the school library.